

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2007, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

In the present application, claims 1, 2, 11, and 17-20 have been amended and new claim 21 has been added. The claims have been amended to clarify that overriding a method for rendering a default Extensible Web Part Menu in the Web Part comprises calling a method to create a Web Part Menu, wherein the method is utilized to render a default Extensible Web Part Menu and; determining whether a menu override method has been inserted, wherein the menu override method comprises at least one call which may be utilized to modify the default Extensible Web Part Menu, wherein the menu override method does not overwrite the default Extensible Web Part menu. Support for the claim amendments may be found in paragraph 0047 in the Specification. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Croney et al. (US 2004/0268228, hereinafter “Croney”).

Drawings

The drawings in Figures 3, 5, and 6 in the application are objected to because of various informalities. The annotated and replacement sheets of drawings attached in the Appendix include changes to Figures 3, 5, and 6. These sheets replace the original drawing sheets. The drawings have been changed as follows: The duplicate label “305” in Figure 3 has been corrected to “205” which identifies “the customized Extensible Web Part Menu.” “(ROUTINE 425, FIG. 4)” in Figure 5 has been corrected to “(STEP 425, FIG. 4)”. Finally, “(ROUTINE 455,

FIG. 4)” in Figure 6 has been corrected to “(STEP 455, FIG. 4)”. In view of the foregoing, the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Specification

The Specification is objected to because of various informalities. With respect to the objection of “C#” in paragraph 0018 as not being identified as a registered trademark, the Applicants respectfully disagree. In particular, the applicants respectfully point out that the Visual C#[®] development tool is a registered trademark of the Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington but the “C#” object oriented programming language, in and of itself, is not (a list of Microsoft Corporation trademarks are located at <http://www.microsoft.com/library/toolbar/3.0/trademarks/en-us.mspx>). Since paragraph 0018 does not refer to the aforementioned development tool, it appears that the reference to “C#” does not need to be identified as a registered trademark.

With respect to the objection to the language recited in paragraph 0045, this paragraph of the Specification has been corrected as “The C# code inserted the REFRESH command 325” as suggested in the Office Action. Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Specification be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 17-20 are rejected as being indefinite for referencing a method with respect to claims 11 and 12 when claims 11 and 12 are specified as system claims. In response, claims 17-20 have been amended to replace the term “method” with the term “system.” Therefore, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-20 are rejected as being anticipated by Croney. The rejection of these claims is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claim 1 specifies a method for customizing an Extensible Web Part Menu comprising a plurality of commands, wherein each command comprises a plurality of characteristics rendered in a Web Part. The method includes overriding a method for rendering a default Extensible Web Part Menu in the Web Part, wherein overriding the method comprises: calling a method to create a Web Part Menu, wherein the method is utilized to render a default Extensible Web Part Menu and; determining whether a menu override method has been inserted, wherein the menu override method comprises at least one call which may be utilized to modify the default Extensible Web Part Menu, wherein the menu override method does not overwrite the default Extensible Web Part menu, wherein if it is determined that a menu override command has been inserted, then performing at least one of the following: modifying at least one property associated with at least one command in the Extensible Web Part menu; adding a new command to the Extensible Web Part Menu; or deleting at least one command from the Extensible Web Part Menu; and rendering the customized Extensible Web Part menu in the Web Part in a Web page on a client platform.

It is respectfully submitted that Croney fails to teach each and every feature specified in amended claim 1. For example, Croney fails to teach overriding a method for rendering a default Extensible Web Part Menu in the Web Part by calling a method to create a Web Part Menu, wherein the method is utilized to render a default Extensible Web Part Menu and; determining whether a menu override method has been inserted, wherein the menu override method comprises at least one call which may be utilized to modify the default Extensible Web Part

Menu, wherein the menu override method does not overwrite the default Extensible Web Part menu.

Croney discusses a framework for creating web applications such as web pages. The framework includes part controls such as web parts. The part controls derive from a part base class. The part controls have associated properties and methods. The properties and methods permit the part controls to be personalized on either a per user basis or for all users. Web parts may be enabled to communicate with each other to enable the content of one web part to be used by another web part. Customizable editor parts may also be associated with various web parts. Web parts that offer custom editor parts expose them through their editor parts property. Part developers who wish to provide custom editor parts can override the editor parts property of a particular web part. See paragraphs 0009-0013 and 0099.

Croney fails to teach the override functionality specified in amended claim 1. As discussed above, Coney discusses an override with respect to an editor parts property of a particular web part so as to provide custom editor parts. In contrast, amended claim 1 specifies overriding a method for rendering a default extensible web part menu in which a method is called to create a web part menu and a determination is made as to whether a menu override method has been inserted. The menu override method includes at least one call which may be utilized to modify an extensible web part menu and does not overwrite the default extensible web part menu. Thus, Croney merely discusses overriding a property of a web part and not a method for overriding a web part menu. Croney also fails to teach that a call is utilized to modify an extensible web part menu and further fails to teach that modifying an extensible web part menu does not overwrite a default extensible web part menu.

Based on the foregoing, Croney fails to teach each and every feature specified in amended claim 1. Therefore, amended claim 1 is allowable and the rejection of this claim should be withdrawn. Claims 2-10 depend from amended claim 1 and thus specify at least the same features. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons and the rejection of these claims should also be withdrawn. Amended independent claim 11 specifies similar features as amended claim 1 and thus is allowable for at least the same reasons. Therefore the rejection of this claim should also be withdrawn. Claims 12-20 depend from amended claim 11 and thus are also allowable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

New Claim

New claim 21 specifies at least the same features as amended claims 1 and 11, discussed above and thus is also allowable over Croney for at least the same reasons as well as for the additional features specified therein. For example, claim 21 also specifies adding the DELETE menu command to the end of the Extensible Web Part Menu when the Extensible Web Part Menu is rendered in the Web Part to ensure the ability to remove unwanted or dangerous content imported into a Web Part page. It is respectfully submitted that Croney fails to teach at least this additional feature.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 13-2725.

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APPENDIX

ANNOTATED SHEET

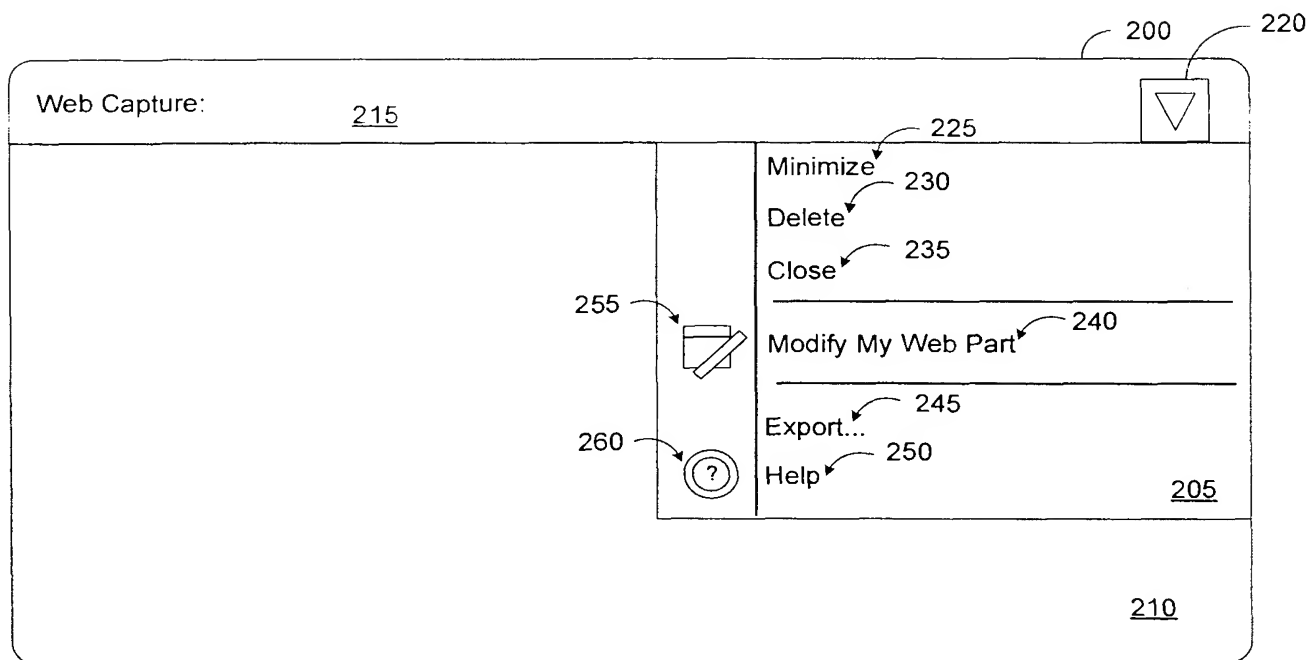


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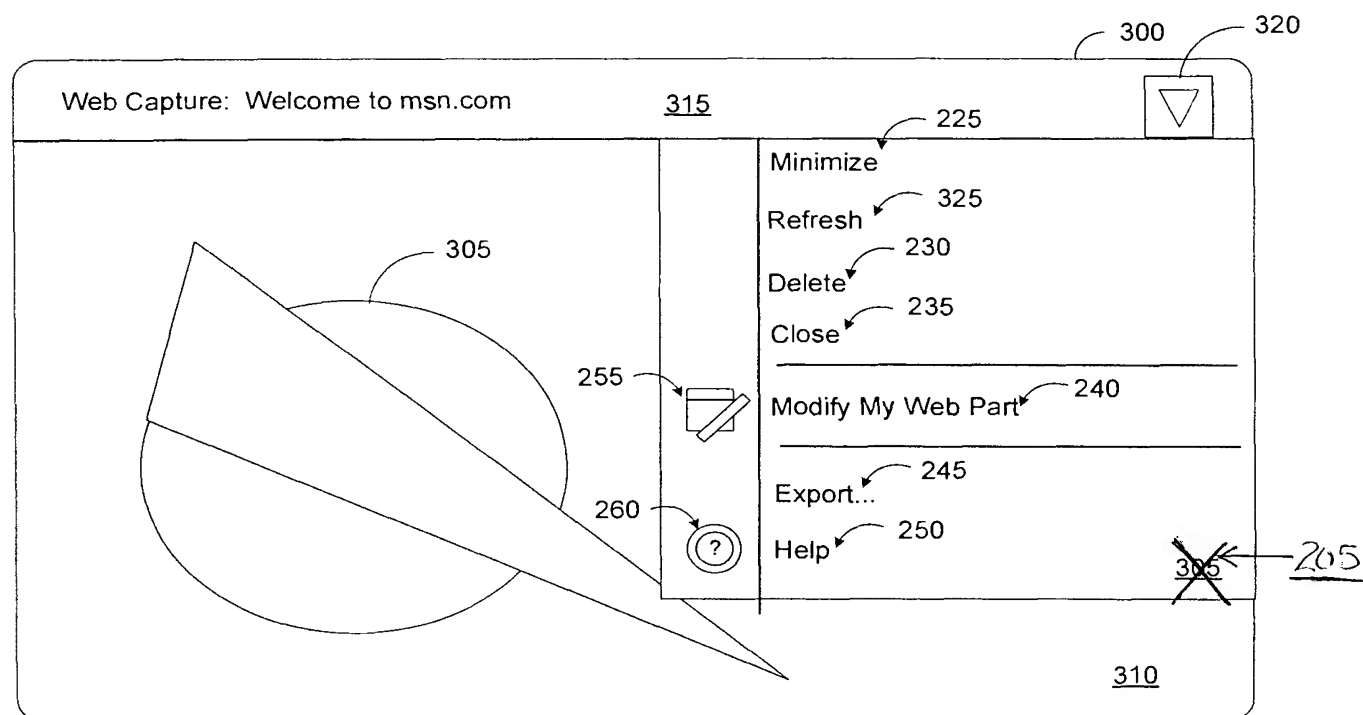


FIG. 3

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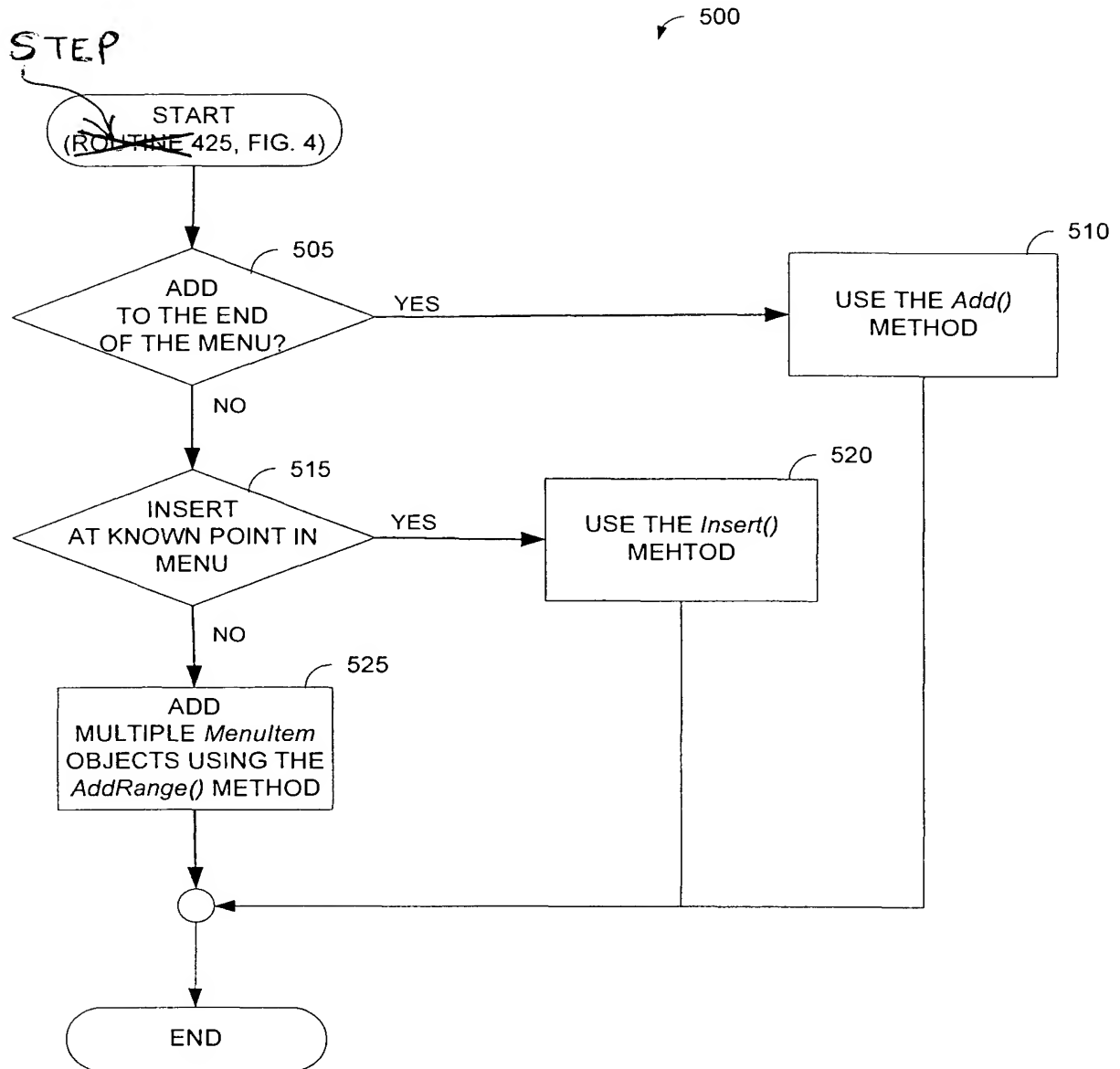


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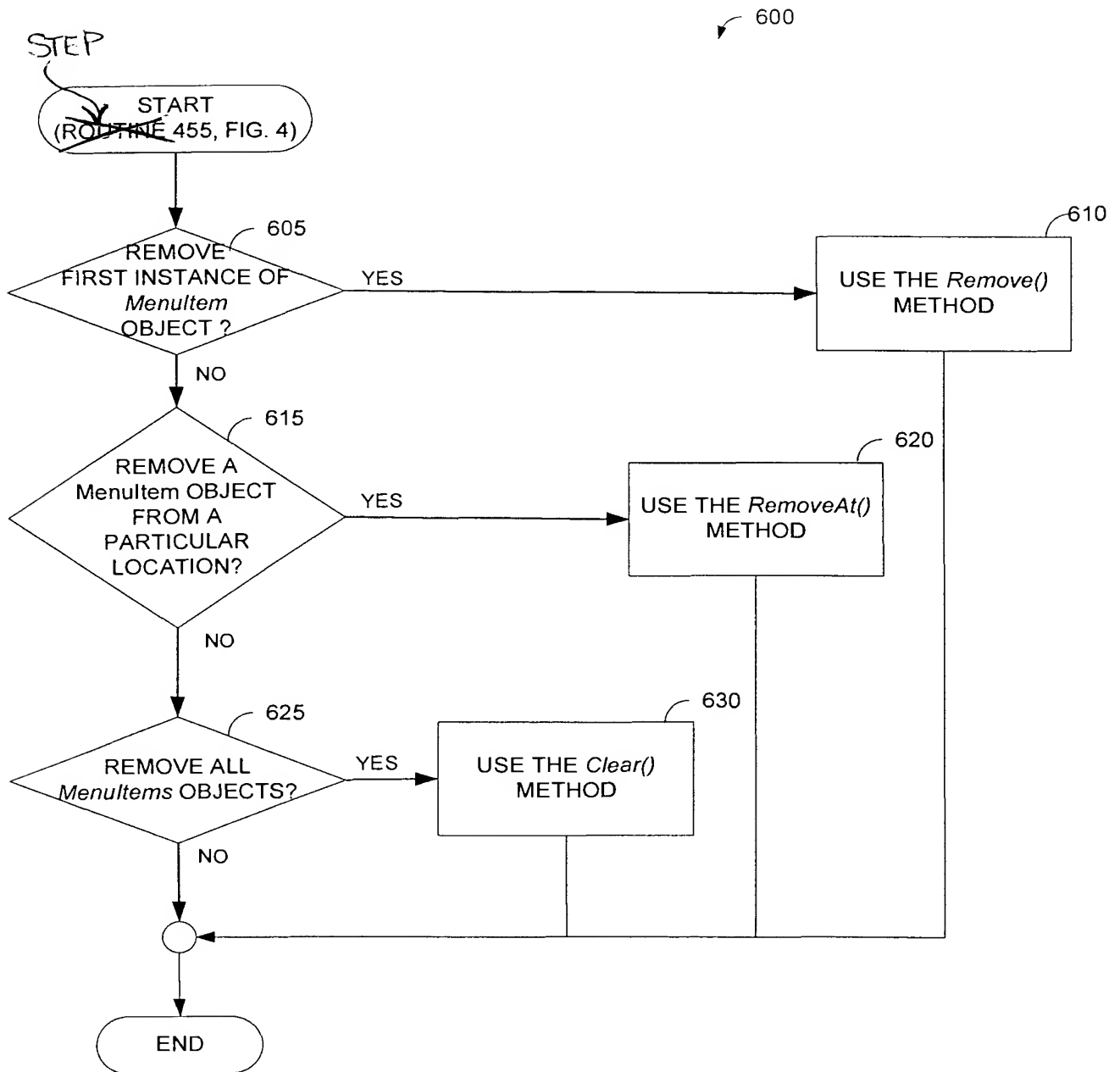


FIG. 6